

Utah Department of Transportation / Motor Carrier Division . . .

# GET STARTED



(A *How To* booklet on getting your motor carrier company  
in compliance with the transportation safety regulations)

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**\*Note:** The areas within each section are numbered with the corresponding Part number in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). The FMCSR provides detailed information pertaining to each of these areas.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Utah Motor Carrier Division has produced this “Get Started” booklet for the benefit of those motor carriers who recently received their authorization to operate (their DOT number) or have their DOT number but have not received education in the transportation safety regulations pertaining to their motor carrier operations.

This booklet provides basic compliance guidance to the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. However, it is not intended to be a substitute for these regulations. To purchase a complete copy of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR), Parts 300-399, contact the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, telephone: (202) 512-1800 or at [www.access.gpo.gov](http://www.access.gpo.gov).

Our overall goal is to improve the safe transportation of passengers and goods on the State’s highways, through a coordinated effort of Federal, State, and industry organizations to reduce fatalities, injuries, property damage and hazardous materials incidents.

This booklet is comprised of two main sections, one pertaining to all motor carriers, and a second section pertaining to motor carriers having vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more. Each section contains information sheets covering highlights of the regulation. Please feel free to reproduce any or all material in this booklet and to distribute copies as needed.

It is the responsibility of motor carrier operators and drivers to know and comply with all applicable FMCSR. Safety compliance and safe operations translate into saved lives and property. We believe the information in this booklet, when effectively applied, will get you started on the road to compliance with the FMCSR and will contribute to safer motor carrier operations and highways.

### **Disclaimer**

The purpose of this booklet is to provide the information and forms a motor carrier, residing in Utah, needs to get started in their quest to become compliant with the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. This booklet is not intended to take the place of published Federal agency regulations. It only paraphrases the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations published in Title 49 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. The contents of this booklet may not be relied upon as a substitute for the official text. The regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation and its Operating Administrations are published in the Federal Register and compiled in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Copies of appropriate volumes of the CFR in book format may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office or examined at many libraries.

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## **HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET**

To use this booklet all you need to do is answer a couple of questions and turn to the corresponding section. It's that easy! Just follow the steps below and you are getting started on the road to complying with the transportation safety regulations.

**Step 1:** Do you – the motor carrier – have vehicles which have a manufacturer gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more?

If your answer is “**No**” then you can give this booklet to a friend who is a motor carrier, because your vehicles are not regulated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

If your answer is “**Yes**” then you need to start with Section One of this booklet. All motor carriers, with vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds must comply with **all** of the requirements (yes, there are exceptions) listed in Section One.

**Step 2:** Do you – the motor carrier – have vehicles which have a manufacturer gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more?

If “**No**” then all you need to get started is to comply with Section One.

If “**Yes**” then you need to comply with the requirements listed in Section Two of this booklet... **in addition to** the requirements listed in Section One.